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TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 3786

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UNCLAS MANAGUA 3334

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC (CAMPBELL, ROBERT)

SUBJECT: W/W MISSING U.S. CITIZEN ROBERT CAMPBELL

1. ON 12 JULY EMBASSY WAS ALERTED OF POSSIBLE DISAPPEARANCE OF ROBERT CAMPBELL (U.S. CITIZEN) AND JOE ALMOND (NICARAGUAN CITIZEN OF BRITISH FATHER) WHILE FISHING OFF SHORES OF NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA. CAMPBELL AND ALMOND SET OUT ON FISHING TRIP SATURDAY JULY 9 FROM SAN JUAN DE SUR (PACIFIC COAST OF NICARAGUA) AND WAS LAST SIGHTED SUNDAY EVENING 10 JUL AT 18:00 OFF PUNTA SANTA ELENA, COSTA RICA WITH BOAT DISABLED. BOAT'S OCCUPANTS TOLD OTHER FISHING VESSEL THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO FIX THE PROBLEM THEMSELVES BUT HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE. ALMOND'S FATHER REQUESTED SEARCH BY NICARAGUAN AIRCRAFT (TWO CIVILIAN AND ONE AIRFORCE) ON 12 JULY. SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED 40 MILES OFF SHORE ENTIRE NICARAGUAN COAST.

2. UPON NOTIFICATION ON 12 JULY AT 13:00 EMBASSY'S DEFENSE ATTACHE CONTACTED SEARCH AND RESCUE SQUAD AT HOWARD AIR FORCE BASE, PANAMA CANAL ZONE WHICH HAS CONDUCTED THREE AIR SEARCHES (13, 14 AND 15 JULY) WITH NO SUCCESS TO DATE.

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3. ROBERT CAMPBELL IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN EMPLOYED BY ROBERT NATHAN ASSOCIATES, WASHINGTON, D.C. ON CONTRACT TO LOCAL TOURISM BUREAU. CAMPBELL IS SINGLE AND LIVES ALONE IN MANAGUA. NEXT-OF-KIN INFORMATION MAY BE PROVIDED BY CAMPBELL'S EMPLOYER, MR. JOHN BYER OF ROBERT NATHAN ASSOCIATES (OFFICE PHONE 202-833-2200; HOME PHONE 703-273-1092). CONSULAR OFFICER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH FIRM SINCE WEDNESDAY JULY 13. BYER HAS INFORMED CONOFF THAT CAMPBELL'S MOTHER

IS ELDERLY AND HAS NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF SON'S DISAPPEARANCE.  
BYER REQUESTS FIRM BE KEPT INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS OF CASE.

4. FOR NEIGHBORING POSTS, HOWARD RESCUE COORDINATION CENTER (RCC)  
REPORTS COSTA RICAN, SALVADORIAN AND NICARAGUAN FLISHING FLEETS  
HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF SITUATION. IN THE EVENT OF ANY REPORT TO EM-  
BASSIES ON CAMPBELL'S WHEREABOUTS IT IS REQUESTED MANAGUA, DEPART-  
MENT AND HOWARD AIR FORCE BBASE BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY.  
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